

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE
March 24, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM
THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Words of Greeting Dennis Gould, Liturgist

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Sharing of Opportunities, Joys and Concerns

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude Marilyn Neal, Organist

Lighting of the Candles

Introit # 440 *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;

In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare:

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;

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Call to Worship (*Psalms 63*)

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you.

**People: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

Leader: Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

**People: So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

Leader: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

**People: For you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

*Hymn # 471 *“As the Deer”*

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord, you are holy; your ways are not our ways. Your thoughts are higher than the heavens, far beyond our understanding. Yet you are faithful, providing a way out when we are tested, and setting a limit to what we must endure. We confess that we often fail to choose your way of life, squandering our substance on that which does not satisfy. Forgive us, O Lord, for every evil desire, every immoral act, every unrighteous thought. Grant us mercy and pardon, in the name of Jesus Christ, that we find delight and peace in your presence once again.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

*Sharing of the Peace

*Time with the Younger Saints

DECLARATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 55:1-9 (pg. 685 of OT)

Anthem *“Call to Me”*

Chancel Choir – Cindy Borbonus, Director

New Testament Lesson I Corinthians 10:1-13 (pg. 172 of NT)

Sermon Rev. Timothy Monroe

RESPONSE TO THE WORD OF GOD

*Affirmation of Faith (*Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1*)

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*Hymn # 442 *“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”*

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (*debt...and debtors...*)

Choral Amen

Ministry of Giving in Response to the Word

Offertory

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn # 501 *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

*Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*(*All who are able, please stand.)*

REGULAR SCHEDULE BEGINS:

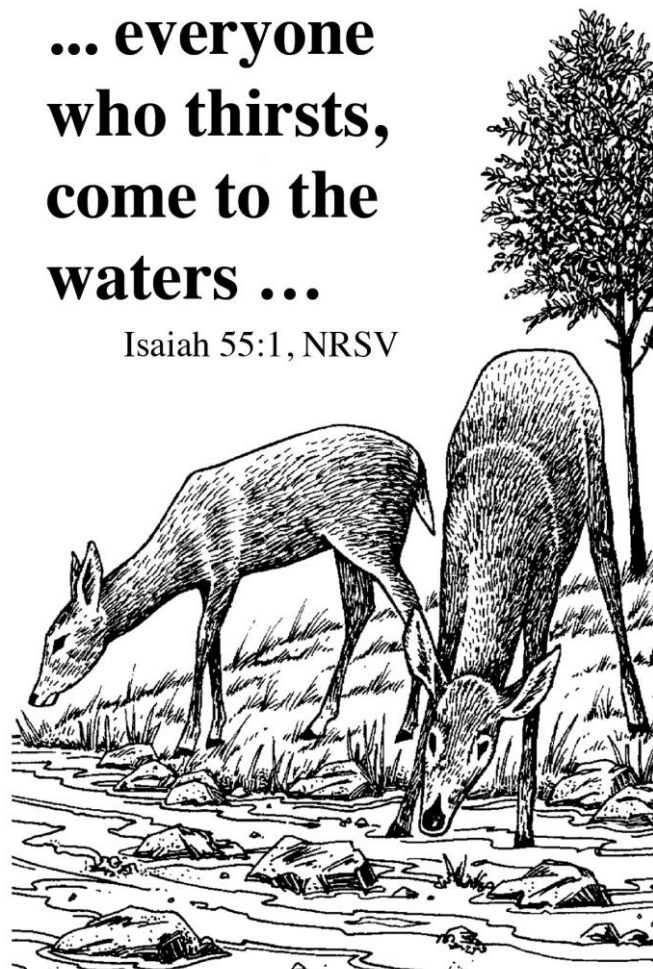
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship
12:00-2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class
Monday 6:00-12:00 p.m. Grannies meet in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting
Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. We host the Lenten Service/Lunch
5:30 p.m. Daisy Troop Meeting
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
Thursday 2:00 p.m. Stitching Group
Sunday 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion
12:00-2:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

COMMUNITY LENTEN LUNCHESES SCHEDULE:

March 27Blairsville United Presbyterian
Father Steve Bugay
April 3 Hopewell Methodist
Rev. Joe Baird
April 10Hebron Lutheran
Hebron Representative
April 17 Sts. Simon & Jude
Rev. Cory Braatz

**... everyone
who thirsts,
come to the
waters ...**

Isaiah 55:1, NRSV



THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

*“a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known”*

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PLEASE JOIN us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a church brochure, a *Welcome Packet* or a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift*. These are available at the back of the church.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Liturgist, Dennis Gould; Ushers, Dennis Gould, Alan Lowman and the Eckenroad's; Projector, Shakira McKinney; Audio, Jaison McKinney; Organist, Marilyn Neal; and Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will be held for young people today following worship. Classes will begin at 12:00 and end about 2:30 p.m. A light lunch will be served. Please see Pastor Monroe or Bobbi for more information.

GRANNIES will meet Monday, March 25th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.

THE SESSION will meet Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting are available to pick up in the parlor.

BIBLE STUDY will not be held this Wednesday due to the Lenten Lunch schedule. We will resume Wednesday, April 3rd.

WE WILL HOST the Community Lenten Service and Lunch this Wednesday, March 27th. Father Steve Bugay will share the message. Worship begins at 12 noon followed by a soup and sandwich luncheon served in Fellowship Hall.

BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, March 27th at 6:00 p.m. in the Bell Room. We are looking for two ringers. No experience is necessary just a willingness to learn. If you are interested in more information about the bell choir, please see Vicky Westley.

CHOIR REHEARSAL will be held Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. If you are interested in singing in the chancel choir, please see Cindy Borbonus. Additional voices are always welcome.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is coordinated by the Adult Sunday School Class. If you have a prayer request or know of someone's need for prayer, please contact Nancy Campbell or the church office.

WE WILL CELEBRATE the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday during worship. Please take time this week to prepare to receive and share the sacrament.

THE STITCHING GROUP will meet Thursday, March 28th at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor. This group gathers for fellowship and to work on personal projects. Anyone interested is welcome to join the group.

TRAINING on use of our handicap lift will be held following worship today. All are welcome to stay for the training. The lift is located at the kitchen end of Fellowship Hall in the hallway entrance.

EASTER FLOWERS are being offered by our deacons. Please use the bulletin insert to place your order and note your dedication.

A SEDER is planned for Maundy Thursday, April 18th. Please use the bulletin insert to RSVP.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is a few short months away. If you enjoy working with kids and learning new things, you don't want to miss this opportunity. We need...want volunteers to help with this year's VBS program scheduled for June 17-21. Our curriculum will be from Group Publishing entitled, "Athens – Paul's Dangerous Journey to Share the Truth." Please contact the church office for more information or to volunteer. All volunteers will need current child protection clearances.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will present Sight and Sound DVD of "Noah," March 31st at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

ELDERTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH will present, "Bow the Knee" a dramatic musical for Easter. Performances will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 12-14 at 7:00 p.m. A free will offering will be received. Light refreshments will be served following the musical.